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Abraham Lincoln's Appearance

Weight

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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John Hay Summer. ~~secretary of the~~
one of the President's secretaries made this
notation in his diary for May 14 1864: "Has gained
in weight 180 pounds."

President Lincoln is the essential representative of all Yankees, and the veritable specimen, physically, of what the world seems determined to regard as our characteristic faculties. There is no disguising his lengthy awkwardness, no the uncouthness of his movements.

Nathaniel Hawthorne
Submitted to Atlantic Monthly 1862

Jim Bishop in his recent book "The Day Lincoln was Shot" states that in April 1865 Lincoln was Slightly - five pounds under weight" (p 36)

Robert C Winthrop in his memoirs
states that on April 23 1863 "I saw
the President at the White House. He mentioned
among other things that his anxiety
must cease will affect his health and that
he weighed 180 pounds"

Henry C. Whitney who traveled the circuit with Lincoln said "The last time I saw Mr. Lincoln was in January, 1861, at his house in Springfield. -- He had lost forty pounds in weight." p547.

" Weight 180 Pounds "

April 25 1863

" Saw the President at the White House. He mentioned among other things, that his ~~health~~ Faculties of mind had not affected his health and that he weighed 180 pounds "

Memoir of Robert C. Winthrop

page 228

Reliance Life Insurance Company

of Pittsburgh.

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Mr Lincoln was thirty five years and six months

~~Senator Edwards~~ Bishop.

Johnson ~~Mr~~ subscriber

180
35
145

"He was at this time (August 1831) fine and well looking, weighed 210 pounds was six feet three or four inches in height and of florid complexion."

Correspondent of Methodist interview with Herndon

May 16 1865.

"If any personal description of me is thought desirable, it may be said I am, in height, six feet, four inches, nearly; lean in flesh, weighing on an average, one hundred and eighty pounds.

-Abraham Lincoln
Should prepare for Fee 186

The correspondent of a Belgian newspaper visited Springfield in May 1865 and interviewed William Herndon, Lincoln's law partner. Herndon said that when Lincoln went to New Orleans in April 1831 "He was at this time fine and well looking, weighed 210 pounds."

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